China was paying a friendly visit to the City, and that evening was attending a dinner given in his honour by the French community at the Victoria Hotel. The party had only been seated for a few minutes when a portmanteau was thrown through one of the windows, and exploded with terrific force, killing five and wounding many other guests, The assassin, an Annamese communist, fled from the spot, jumped into the river, and was drowned.

There is some ground for believing that the local Chinese authorities had foreknowledge of the attempt to murder the Governor-General; at any rate one British resident is said to have received a warning not to dine at the hotel that night, A monument with an inscription glorifying the deed of the assassin was erected, as near as possible to the scene of the outrage, the Canton Government pretending, when the French Consul protested, that it could not interfere with a funeral monument privately erected.

The Merchant Volunteers after their reorganization contracted for a large supply of arms from Europe. These arrived at Canton, on the Norwegian steamer *Hav* on August ro. A permit to land them was obtained several days before the vessel's arrival from the Military Department of the Generalissimo, but as soon as the steamer entered port Dr. Sun revoked this permit, and ordered the seizure of the arms. The merchants

proclaimed a strike. Dr. Sun thereupon threatened to bombard Canton from the river* On August 29 the British Consul-General addressed the following warning to him: